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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7, 9-11 and 14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8, and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication received on September 18, 2006.

Claim 12 has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Regarding claim 13, the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

This claim is directed to "a computer program", which is intangible and therefore this claim is non-statutory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1, 4, 8, and 13, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Pat. Pub No. 2005/0193114 to Colby et al. hereinafter (Colby).

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2. As to claim 1, Colby teaches a method of indexing content in an IP-based network comprising (abstract):

(a) intercepting data traffic flowing in the network (see pg. 1, paragraph 0010 and 0062, a client request for content is intercepted),

(b) extracting content Identity information and associated destination location information from the data traffic flow (see pg. 2, paragraph 0013, a location of the client is identified and a location of each of the plurality of servers is identified and servers that are in the same location of the client are identified),

(c) generating a mapping from a content item identified by the extracted identity information to at least one destination location identified by the associated, destination location information (pg. 10, tables 2-3 and paragraph 0111 – 0121; a client may request content that is available from several candidate server. The IPA uses a continental proximity lookup table which associates IP address with continents to pick the closest server).

(c) generating a mapping from the content item identified by the extracted identity information to at least one destination location identified by the associated, destination location information (See pg. 9, tables 2-3 and paragraph 0113 – 0118; mapping IP address with continent identifiers), and

(d) storing the mapping in a content index database which is operable to provide, an instance mapping containing list of destination locations in response to an instance request containing a content identity (see page 10, paragraphs 0111 – 0118 and pg. 4, paragraph 0051, 0055-0056, the CSD maintains multiple database containing

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information both about the servers that contain the content and the clients requesting the content).

3. As to claim 4, Colby teaches a method according to claim 1, wherein the step of intercepting traffic is carried out by intercepting traffic flowing out of an original content source (see pg. 1, 0010 - 0018).

4. As to claims 8, Colby teaches a proxy (content aware flow switch) for an IP-based network comprising (abstract):

(a) a data input operable to receive data from the network (Fig. 1b-c and pg. 3, 0045 - 0048; content aware switch receives bidirectional data on its ports),

(b) a data output operable to send data to the network (the content aware switch outputs data and content on the network ports 170a-c),

(c) an identity extractor operable to analysis data received at the data input and to extract content identity information from the data (see pg. 2, paragraph 0013, a location of the client is identified and a location of each of the plurality of servers is identified and servers that are in the same location of the client are identified),

(d) a location extractor operable to analyze data received at the data input and to extract location information from the data (see pg. 2, paragraph 0013, a location of the client is identified and a location of each of the plurality of servers is identified and servers that are in the same location of the client are identified),

(e) a mapping generator operable to generate a mapping from a content, identified by identity information provided by the identity one destination location Identified by associated destination location Information provided by the location extractor (See pg. 9, tables 2-3 and paragraph 0113 – 0118; mapping IP address with continent identifiers), and

(f) a content index database operable to store a mapping provided by the mapping generator and which is operable to provide an instance mapping, containing a list of destination locations in response to an instance request containing a content identity (see page 10, paragraphs 0111 – 0118 and pg. 4, paragraph 0051,0055-0056, the CSD maintains multiple database containing information both about the servers that contain the content and the clients requesting the content).

5. Claim 13 has similar limitations to claim 1, therefore, it is rejected under the same rational.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colby as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S Pat. No. 6,205,146 to Rochberger et al. (hereinafter Rochberger).

2. As to claim 2, Colby teaches a method according to claim 1, wherein the step of intercepting traffic is carried out by Intercepting traffic flowing into a cache (see pg. 1, 0010 - 0018). However, Colby fails to teach wherein the method, further comprises advertising the content Identities for which mappings are stored in the content index by sending advertising messages to a predetermined location. Nonetheless, Rochberger teaches advertising the content Identities for which mappings are stored in the content index by sending advertising messages to a predetermined location (see col. 5 lines 58- col. 6 lines 6). Having the teachings of Colby and Rochberger, it would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement Rochberger's advertising messages in order to allow mirroring of content in distributed data centers, with overflow content delivery capacity and backup in the case of a partial communications failure (see page 2, paragraph 0015).

3. As to claim 3, Colby fails to teach wherein the method further comprises recording the time of traffic flows into the cache which are related to a particular content and calculating the time period between a first flow of the content item into the cache and a subsequent flow of the content item into the cache thereby to assess how long items are held in the cache before they are expired and deleting the mapping relating to that content item when that content item is judged to have expired in the cache.

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However Rochbeger teaches recording the time of traffic flows into the cache which are related to a particular content and calculating the time period between a first flow of the content item into the cache and a subsequent flow of the content item into the cache thereby to assess how long items are held in the cache before they are expired and deleting the mapping relating to that content item when that content item is judged to have expired in the cache (see col. 5 lines 58-col. 6 lines 6, the data is deleted when the timer expires). Thus, it would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include recording the length of time a content has stayed in the cache and deleting the expired content because it makes memory available for critical content.

4. As to claim 5, Colby fails to teach wherein the method further comprises receiving an advertising message, which advertises a mapping; generated elsewhere on the network and which is related to content items stored in the original content source, and augmenting the content index using information contained in the advertising message. However, Rochbeger teaches receiving an advertising message, which advertises a mapping; generated elsewhere on the network and which is related to content items stored in the original content source, and augmenting the content index using information contained in the advertising message (see col. 5 lines 15-57).

Therefore, it would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skill in the relevant art at the time of the invention to augment content index using the advertising message

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in order to get the most updated mapping, which will assist in avoiding trans-continental links and the bottlenecks they introduce (pg. 2, paragraph 0018).

5. Claim 6, has similar limitations as to claim 2, therefore it is rejected under the same rational.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sahera Halim whose telephone number is (571) 272-4003. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-5:00.

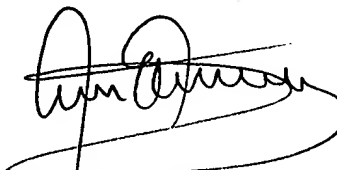
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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